REMARKS

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the foregoing amendments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 1-43 have been canceled. Claims 44-56 are still pending.

If any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney Edward A. Schlatter at (949) 721-2821 (direct line), to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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